

REMARKS

As discussed with Examiner Millikin on March 10, 2008, Figures 18 and 19 have been amended to replace "RATE" with "LEVEL". Also, as required in the Office Action, Figure 17 has been identified as PRIOR ART. Two replacement sheets are enclosed showing these changes.

The Specification has been amended to insert the section headings as noted in the Office Action. A marked-up amended specification and a clean version are provided herewith.

The Office Action objected to a portion of the specification (page 11 through page 13) which were stated to be background information and which were suggested to be rearranged in the specification. In a discussion with the Examiner on March 10, 2008, it was noted that this portion referred to Figure 17 of the application and to features of Figure 17 which were introduced in the specification in these pages. The Examiner said that the Office Action was a suggestion and if reasons for not making the change existed, the response should outline the reasons.

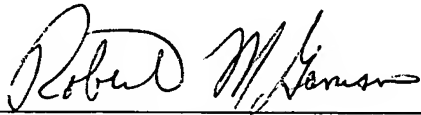
It is believed that the designated portion (pages 11-13) are not properly considered to be background but are integral to the specification because the portion specifically describes Figure 17 and introduces the designation of elements of Figure 17 [such as $w(t)$, $e(f)$, $p(t)$, $y(t)$] which are not background. Accordingly, the amendment to the specification does not revise pages 11-13.

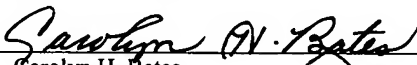
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The claims were objected to because of informalities. The claims have been amended as suggested in the Office Action. Claims 22-30 were stated to appear to be allowable and in view of the amendments, allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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